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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A phacoemulsification cannula comprising:
a threaded hub for engagement with a phacoemulsification surgical instrument;
an elongated phacoemulsification needle having a proximal end attached to the hub and a distal end; and
the phacoemulsification needle having a first and second inner diameter wherein the first inner diameter is larger than the second inner diameter and
wherein a transition from the first inner diameter to the second inner diameter is closer to the proximal end than to the distal end and wherein the first inner diameter extends from the distal end toward the proximal end, and wherein ultrasonic energy is transferred from the surgical instrument to the needle during surgery.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The [needle] cannula of claim 1, wherein the transition includes a radius.
3. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 1, wherein the transition includes a conical surface connecting the first and second inner diameters.

4. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 1, wherein the transition includes at least one additional inner diameter stepped between the first and second inner diameters wherein the additional inner diameter is smaller than the first inner diameter and larger than the second inner diameter.
5. **(Previously Presented)** A phacoemulsification needle comprising:
an elongated phacoemulsification needle having proximal and distal ends,
wherein the proximal end is structured for attachment to a
phacoemulsification surgical instrument; and
the needle having a first and a second inner diameter wherein the first
inner diameter is larger than the second inner diameter and
wherein a transition from the first inner diameter to the second inner
diameter is closer to the proximal end than to the distal end and
wherein the first inner diameter extends from the distal end toward
the proximal end.
6. **(Original)** The needle of claim 5, wherein the transition includes a radius.
7. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 5, wherein the transition includes a
conical surface connecting the first and second inner diameters.
8. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 5, wherein the transition includes at least
one additional inner diameter stepped between the first and second inner
diameters wherein the additional inner diameter is small than the first inner
diameter and larger than the second inner diameter.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A phacoemulsification cannula comprising:
an elongated phacoemulsification needle having proximal and distal ends,
wherein the proximal end is structured for attachment to a
phacoemulsification surgical instrument;
a first bore within the cannula extending from the distal end toward the
proximal end;
a second bore within the cannula extending from the proximal end to the
first bore; and
wherein the second bore has a smaller diameter than the first bore and is
of sufficient length to provide a desired pressure drop during use
across the length of the second bore and wherein an intersection of
the first and second bores is nearer the proximal end than the distal
end.
10. **(Currently Amended)** The [needle] cannula of claim 9, wherein the
transition includes a radius.
11. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 9, wherein the transition includes a
conical surface connecting the first and second inner diameters.
12. **(Canceled)** The needle of claim 9, wherein the transition includes at least
one additional inner diameter stepped between the first and second inner
diameters wherein the additional inner diameter is smaller than the first
inner diameter and larger than the second inner diameter.